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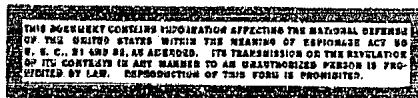
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CHERVENKOV MISSING AT SOFIA FUNCTIONS

It is interesting to note that Vulko Chervenkov was not present at the major commemoration services of the third anniversary of Dimitrov's death in Sofia, but instead, he attended the relatively minor commemoration ceremonies in Stalin. It should also be noted that Chervenkov was likewise absent from the tenth anniversary celebration of the founding of the Fatherland Front and from the commemoration services of the death of the poet Nikola Yonkov Vaytsarov in Sofia.

CHERVENKOV ABSENT AT A COMMEMORATION OF DIMITROV'S DEATH -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 3 Jul 52

The following government officials were present at the commemoration ceremonies in Sofia: Georgi Chankov, Rayko Damyanov, Anton Yugov [recently promoted to Vice-Premier, according to the FBID Daily Report, 25 August 1952], Mincho Neychev, Todor Zhivkov, Georgi Tsankov, Dinitur Dimov, Dimitur Ganev, Encho Staykov, Karlo Lukanov, Georgi Traykov, Ferdinand Kozovski, Todor Prakhov, Luchesar Avramov, Elena Dimitrova, and Nacho Papazov, secretary of the Sofia city committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party.

The following were present at the commemoration ceremonies in Stalin: Vulko Chervenkov; Stoyan Pavlov, first secretary of the [Stalin] okrug committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party; and Kryuchkov, Soviet Consul in Stalin.

FATHERLAND FRONT CELEBRATION -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 18 Jul 52

The following officials were present on 17 July 1952 at the tenth anniversary celebration in Sofia of the founding of the Fatherland Front: Georgi Chankov, Anton Yugov, Georgi Tsankov, Dimitur Ganev [recently replaced by Zhivko Zhivkov as Minister of Foreign Trade, according to the New York Times, 5 September 1952], Georgi Traykov, and Ferdinand Kozovski. Telegrams were sent to Stalin, Chervenkov, and the World Peace Council on this occasion.

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VAPTSAROV MEMORIAL SERVICES -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 24 Jul 52

A group photograph shows the following government officials and other persons to be present at the commemoration services in Sofia of the death of the Bulgarian poet Nikola Yankov Vaptsarov (from left to right):

Li-i-mun, representing Chinese culture; Khristo Radovski, secretary general of the Bulgarian Authors' Union; Dimitar Dinev, candidate member of the Politburo; Juri J. Bressan, German author; Todor Zhivkov; Georgi Hadzhakov, Chairman of the Bulgarian National Committee for the Defense of Peace; Georgi Chankov; Boris Vaptsarov, brother of Nikola Y. Vaptsarov; Encho Staykov; Elena Vaptsarova, mother of Nikola Y. Vaptsarov; Todor Pavlov, Chairman of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences; Boyka Vaptsarova, wife of Nikola Y. Vaptsarov; Anton Yungov; Dimitar Ganev; Karlo Lukanov; Ruben Levi; Anja Vasmelmo, Finnish author; E. Palme-Wett [sic], vice-president of the executive committee of the British Communist Party; Ferenc Juhász, Hungarian author; and Georgi Traykov. In addition to the above, Vaclav Pekarek, secretary general of the Czechoslovak Authors' Union, was also mentioned as being present at the services.

Telegrams were sent to Charvenkov and to the World Peace Council on this occasion.

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